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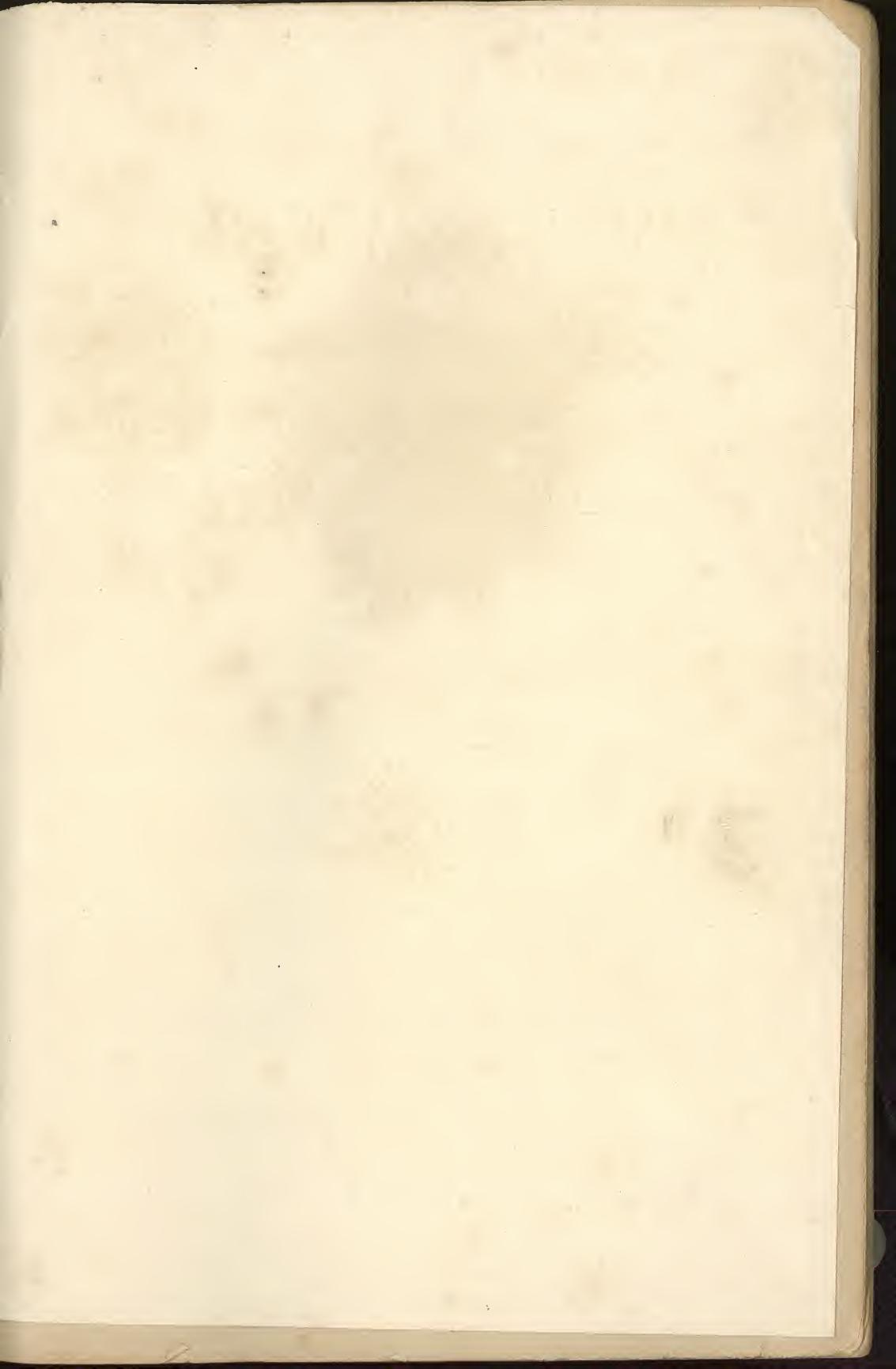
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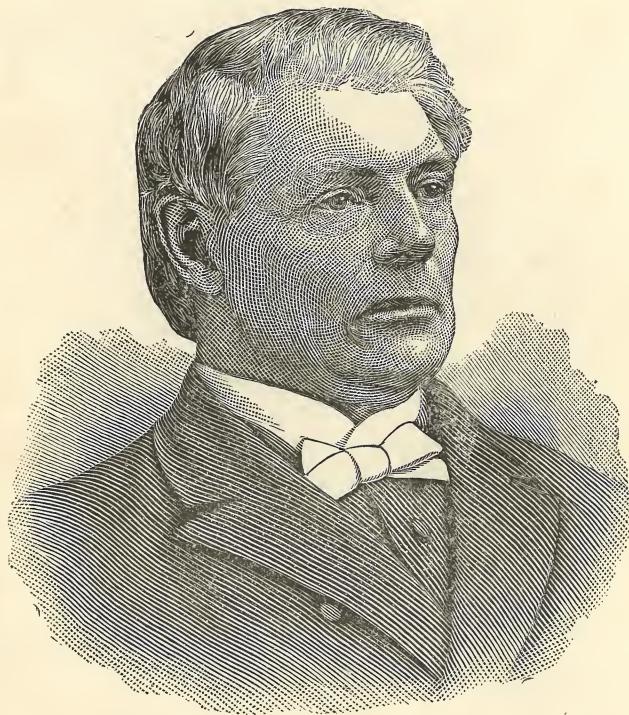
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Gulf Mission Appointments--1894.

CYRUS A. KING (La.) Superintendent.

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Baldwin	Chas. K. Woodson (La.)
Crowley and Ebenezer.....	Supplied by M. E. Diehl
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Oberlin.....	P. C. Chaney (Ala.)

Chas. K. Woodson (La.), President of Baldwin Academy.

Standing Committees--1894.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—S. E. Pendleton, Cyrus A. King.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—P. A. Drown, A. Wilkinson.

TEMPERANCE.—W. H. Cline, P. J. Robidoux, C. K. Woodson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.—E. L. Wells, S. E. Pendleton.

EDUCATION.—Chas. K. Woodson, P. A. Drown, P. J. Robidoux.

AUDITING.—J. F. Ross.

BIBLE CAUSE.—A. Wilkinson, P. A. Drown.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—J. F. Ross, E. L. Wells, P. C. Chaney.

PUBLISHING MINUTES.—Chas. K. Woodson, P. A. Drown.

MISSION CAUSE.—Cyrus A. King, S. E. Pendleton, P. A. Drown.

PERIODICALS.—S. E. Pendleton, P. A. Drown.

Disciplinary Questions.

GULF MISSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Held in Lake Charles, La., Jan. 25-28, 1894, Bishop Walden presiding; Chas. K. Woodson, secretary, postoffice address: Baldwin, St. Mary's Parish, La.

QUESTION 1.—Who are on trial?

- (a) In studies of the First year? Ans. None.
- (b) In studies of the Second year? Ans. None.
- (c) In studies of the Third year? Ans. None.
- (d) In studies of the Fourth year? Ans. None.

QUESTION 2.—What are members of Conferences?

- (a) In studies of Third year? Ans. None.
- (b) In studies of Fourth year. Ans. None.

QUESTION 3.—What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Ans. None.

QUEST. 4.—What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons? Ans. None.

QUEST. 5.—What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders? Ans. None.

QUEST. 6.—What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders? Ans. None.

QUEST. 7.—Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

Ans. This was done as the name of each Preacher was called in open Session.

QUEST. 8.—What is the Statistical Report this year?

Ans. See Statistical Tables.

QUEST. 9.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Treasurer?

Ans. \$142.00 for the nine Benevolent Collections.

QUEST. 10.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

Ans. See List of Appointments.

QUEST. 11.—Where shall the next Annual Meeting be held?

Ans. Crowley.

Things Worth Knowing

ABOUT THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Methodism is the largest Christian communion on the continent.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest single church organization in the United States.

Total number of Methodists in the United States	4,588,662
Total number of Methodists in the world	6,505,667
Estimated adherents in the world	32,500,000
Number of bishops since the organization of the Church in 1784	46
Present number of bishops	18
Number of preachers member of conferences and on trial	15,867
Local preachers	14,542
Number of Sunday schools	28,000
Officers and teachers	310,000
Sunday school scholars	2,369,005
Number of churches	23,866
Valuation	\$101,507,085
Number parsonages	9,050
Valuation	\$15,405,446
Number of schools, colleges and universities	195
Value of property and endowments	\$26,022,392
Number of teachers in the schools	2,343
" students last year	40,026

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES.

"Through the courtesy of H. K. Carroll, LL. D., special agent of the eleventh census, we are permitted to publish the statistics, but just completely tabulated, of all religious denominations of the United States, as shown by the census of 1890."—Methodist Year Book, 1893. We give here only the membership in totals of the leading Protestant denominations:

Adventists	60,491	Dunkards	73,845
Friends	107,208	Evangelical Association	133,313
Reformed Church in the U. S.	204,018	United Brethren	202,474
Congregationalists	512,771	Disciples of Christ	641,051
Presbyterians	1,278,332	Baptists	3,594,093
Methodists			4,588,662

(Compiled from the Methodist Year Book, 1893.)

OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

First Day--Opening Session.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1894. }

Second Annual Session.—The Gulf Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in its second annual session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Lake Charles, Louisiana, Thursday morning, January 25, at 9 o'clock.

Presiding Bishop.—Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., was present and presided.

Opening Religious Exercises.—Bishop Walden announced the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," which was sung in a spirited manner by the members of the Mission and the company present. The Bishop then read seventeen verses of the first chapter of Paul's first letter to Timothy, and led the Mission in prayer. After singing, "Jesus hath died that I might live," prayer was offered by Superintendent Rev. Cyrus A. King.

Address of Welcome.—Prof. S. A. Knapp in a few appropriate words welcomed the Bishop and members of the Mission to the hospitality of Lake Charles.

Response.—Bishop Walden responded pleasantly and at some length to this address.

Roll Call.—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last annual session of the Mission. The following were present and answered to their names: P. A. Drown, Cyrus A. King, P. A. Robidoux, Asbury Wilkinson, S. E. Pendleton, D. D., E. L. Wells, P. C. Chaney, J. F. Ross, M. E. Diehl, Chas. K. Woodson.

Election of Officers.—On motion Chas. K. Woodson was elected Secretary by acclamation. M. E. Diehl was elected Statistical Secretary and J. F. Ross was elected Treasurer.

Hours for Sessions.—The time for the regular sessions was fixed at from 9 to 12 in the morning, the first half hour to be spent in devotional exercises.

Nominations.—On motion Dr. S. E. Pendleton and Chas. K. Woodson were made the committee to nominate the regular standing committees.

Introductions.—The following persons were introduced: Rev. J. A. Parker, D. D., Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Lake Charles, La.; Rev. S. H. Barreau, Pastor Congregational Church, Lake Charles; Rev. M. E. Diehl, Rev. J. F. Ross, Rev. P. C. Chaney.

The Seventh Question.—The Seventh Question, “Was the character of each Preacher examined?” was taken up. Superintendent Cyrus A. King’s name was called, his character passed, and he read his report. (See report.)

Address.—Bishop Walden addressed the Mission on the duties and privileges of the Preacher, enforced by some timely and valuable reminiscences of the fathers of Methodism and the entries made in Bishop Asbury’s Journal in reference to the early work of Methodism in this country.

Examination of Character.—The names of the following Preachers were called, their characters were passed, and they reported their work: Dr. S. E. Pendleton, Chas. K. Woodson, J. F. Ross, W. H. Cline, M. E. Diehl, P. J. Robidoux.

On motion of the Secretary it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2 o’clock P. M.

Adjournment.—After the announcements the Mission adjourned by singing, “My Faith looks up to Thee,” and benediction by Rev. S. H. Barreau, of the Congregational Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00.

Religious Exercises.—The afternoon session was opened by singing, “Children of the Heavenly King,” and Prayer by Rev. P. A. Drown.

Bishop Walden took the chair at 3 o’clock, and called for the report of the Committee on Standing Committees, which was read as follows and adopted:

Public Worship—S. E. Pendleton, Cyrus A. King.

Sabbath Observance—P. A. Drown, A. Wilkinson.

Temperance—W. H. Cline, P. J. Robidoux, Chas. K. Woodson.

Sunday School and Tracts—E. L. Wells, S. E. Pendleton.

Education—Chas. K. Woodson, P. A. Drown, P. J. Robidoux.

Auditing—J. F. Ross.

Bible Cause—A. Wilkinson, P. A. Drown.

Church Extension—J. F. Ross, E. L. Wells, P. C. Chaney.

Publishing Minutes.—Chas. K. Woodson, P. A. Drown.

Mission Cause.—Cyrus A. King, S. E. Pendleton, P. A. Drown.

Introduction.—Rev. H. L. Hubbell, D. D., Pres. Lake Charles college, was introduced.

Adjournment.—After the announcements were made the Mission adjourned with the benediction by Dr. H. L. Hubbell, of the Congregational church.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 7:30.

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Thursday evening in the M. E. Church, South. Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., presided and Rev. Chas. K. Woodson led in prayer. The first address was made by Bishop Walden, who was followed by Rev. P. J. Robidoux, of the French Mission work, in an address on the practical effect of Missionary effort among the French Creole population of Louisiana. At the close of the address, on recommendation of Dr. S. E. Pendleton, a committee of ladies was appointed to solicit contributions for the destitute French families in the bounds of the Gulf Mission.

Adjourned by singing "The World is Growing Better," and benediction by Dr. J. M. Freeman.

Second Day.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1894.

Religious Exercises—The Second Day's session of the Gulf Mission was opened promptly at 9 A. M. The religious exercises for the first half hour were conducted by Rev. P. A. Drown.

Minutes Read and Approved.—The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of the first day were read, corrected and approved.

Introduction.—Rev. J. M. Freeman, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Societies, was introduced and addressed the Mission in the interest of the Sunday School Union and Tract Societies.

Address.—Bishop Walden addressed the members of the Mission on the importance of reading God's Word in the congregation, according to the "Order

of Public Worship," as fixed by the Discipline, after prayerful preparation and with due regard to the leading of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the lessons, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament Scriptures, as well as to ask the blessing of God upon his word and the people.

Book Concern Accounts.—On motion a committee on Book Accounts was ordered, and the New York book accounts, together with the Western book accounts from St. Louis, were placed in the hands of E. L. Wells for collection.

The Seventh Question.—The seventh question was resumed, and P. A. Drown and E. L. Wells answered to their respective names, their characters passed, and they reported their work.

Periodicals.—On motion of the Secretary a committee on Periodicals was appointed, consisting of Dr. S. E. Pendleton and P. A. Drown.

Address.—Bishop Walden spoke in the interest of the Epworth League, and laid some stress upon the necessity and helpfulness of the organization of Epworth Leagues in the various charges throughout the Mission, carefully outlining the relative difference between the work of the Sunday School and the Epworth League work. The Epworth Herald, the Bishop said, was just the periodical to inform our young people and impress them with the great work of Methodism, and, considering its low price of subscription, ought to be in the hands of every young man and woman of our church.

Order of the Day.—P. C. Chaney moved that 10 o'clock A. M., Saturday, be set apart for devotional services and the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Adjournment.—Adjourned by singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love," and benediction by Dr. J. M. Freeman.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 7:30.

In the evening Rev. E. L. Wells presided and Rev. J. F. Ross led in prayer. Rev. J. M. Freeman, D. D., made the address and spoke in an impressive and eloquent manner on the nature and results of Sunday school work. Adjournment with benediction by Rev. Asbury Wilkinson.

Third Day.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1894. }

Religious Services.—The third day's session was opened at 9 A. M. with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. C. Chaney.

The Bishop announced that Dr. Freeman would have to leave on account of business engagements elsewhere. Dr. Freeman bade the members of the Mission good-bye, adding a few words of cheer and encouragement. An audible "God bless Dr. Freeman" came in response. May we see the good, kindly face of Dr. Freeman again.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Address.—Bishop Walden gave some timely thoughts on the nature and necessity of our prayer services. "How to pray and what to pray for," was emphasized and illustrated by the Bishop to the great edification of every member present.

Report of Committees.—The report of committees was taken up, and the committee on publishing the minutes made a verbal report, recommending that three hundred copies of the minutes be published and that the roll of the Mission be called for subscriptions to the minute fund.

The report was adopted.

Subscriptions to Minute Fund.—On the roll being called the following members responded:

Bishop Walden, \$2.50; P. A. Drown, \$2.00; Chas. K. Woodson, \$3.00; Cyrus A. King, \$3.00; P. J. Robidoux, \$2.00; S. E. Pendleton, \$2.00; E. L. Wells, \$2.00; P. C. Chaney, \$1.50; J. F. Ross, \$2.00; M. E. Diehl, \$2.00.

On Motion of Supt. C. A. King. it was authorized that the pastors be instructed to solicit subscriptions from the laymen of the several charges to an amount equal to each pastor's subscription.

Committee on Church Extension reported and the report was adopted. (See report.)

Introductions.—Rev. Thomas Price, superannuated member of the Mississippi conference M. E. Church, South, and Prof. L. F. Beckford, instructor in Lake Charles College, were introduced.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts reported and report was adopted. (See report.)

Address.—Bishop Walden made some timely and interesting remarks on the importance of the pastors making use of the church committees appointed by the fourth quarterly conference, and showed the reason and need of enlisting the support and hearty co-operation of the laymen in the great benevolent interests of the church.

Sacramental Service.—At the appointed hour (10 o'clock A. M.) a most impressive and blessed sacramental service was observed, full of deep impressions and sanctifying influences. Bishop Walden administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by Supt. C. A. King, Dr. S. E. Pendleton and Dr. J. A. Parker, of the Methodist Church, South. This service was followed by a gracious season of song and testimony, expressive of our fellowship and the abundant grace of God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Committee on Education reported and the report was adopted. (See report.)

Application for Aid.—Supt. Cyrus A. King presented the application of the Fairview class at Raymond, La., to the Board of Church Extension for aid in building a church at that point, with the request that the Mission recommend that such application be granted.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

We, the members of the Gulf Mission, in Annual Session assembled, recommend to the Board of Church Extension that the application of the Fairview class for aid to the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars loan and two hundred and fifty dollars donation, in the erecting of a Methodist Episcopal Church at Raymond, La., be granted.

Superintendent's Report.—On motion of P. A. Drown the report of the Superintendent of the Gulf Mission was requested for publication in the journal of proceedings. (See report.)

Chairmen of Standing Committees.—On motion of P. A. Drown, it was ordered that the chairmen of the standing committees for the next ensuing Annual Session be appointed, and that when vacancies occur the Superintendent of the Mission be authorized to fill said vacancies at his discretion. (See list of standing committees for 1895.)

Application for Aid—The application of Lake View charge to the Board of Church Extension for aid in the building of a Methodist Episcopal Church at Lake View, La., was presented by the Superintendent of the Mission and action was taken upon it in the same manner as the application of the Fairview church.

Place of Meeting.—By a rising vote, Crowley, La., was unanimously chosen as the place of holding the next Annual Session of the Mission.

Adjournment.—On motion of the secretary it was ordered that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3:30 p. m. of the same day. Adjourned by singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and the benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3:30 P. M.

Religious Exercises.—The afternoon session was opened promptly at 3:30 and Rev. Chas. K. Woodson conducted the devotional service.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

Report of Committees.—The Committee on Sabbath Observance reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee on Temperance reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee on Bible Cause reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee on Missionary Cause reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

The Auditing Committee reported and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer of the Mission, Rev. J. F. Ross, made his report and the report was adopted. (See Treasurer's reports.)

Statistical Secretary's Report.—The Statistical Secretary, M. E. Diehl, made his report and the report was adopted. (See statistical tables.)

Superannuated Fund.—On motion it was ordered that the amount of \$5.40 remaining in the Superannuated Fund be appropriated to Rev. Asbury Wilkinson, a superannuated member of the Southeast Indiana conference, resident at Lake Charles, La.

Missionary Appropriations.—The Bishop announced the appropriations of the missionary money to the various charges, and several of the brethren made remarks upon the schedule as presented.

Resolutions of Respect.—Resolutions of respect to Bishop Walden were adopted, thanking him for his presence and impartial superintendency.

Resolutions of Thanks.—Resolutions of respect were adopted complimentary to the people of Lake Charles for their hospitable entertainment, and to the pastor, Dr. J. A. Parker, and congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the use of their church.

Supt. C. A. King was authorized to receive the amount of \$4.40 from the Mission Treasurer of last session and pay the same to Rev. Asbury Wilkinson.

Adjournment.—On motion it was ordered that after the reading and approval of the minutes, the religious service and the reading of the appointments, the Mission stand adjourned without day.

The afternoon session adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Thomas Price, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 7:30.

On Saturday the Temperance Anniversary was held. Rev. E. L. Wells presided and Rev. J. A. Parker, D. D., of the M. E. Church, South, offered prayer. Addresses were made by the following: Rev. P. J. Robidoux, Rev. J. F. Ross, Rev. E. L. Wells, Rev. P. C. Chaney and Dr. Parker.

Adjourned with benediction by Dr. Parker.

Fourth Day.

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA,
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 1894. }

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Love Feast.—At 9 a. m. the Mission Love Feast was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, conducted by Rev. Asbury Wilkinson. A blessed season of grace was enjoyed, and a large number testified to the saving power of God.

Morning Service.—Sunday morning at 10:45 Bishop John M. Walden, D. D., L. L. D., preached a powerful sermon from the text, Phil. 3: 10-11, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

Dr. S. E. Pendleton closed with prayer. Benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON.

An Educational meeting was held in the afternoon, addressed by Prof. S. A. Knapp, Chas. K. Woodson and P. J. Robidoux.

Bishop Walden addressed the meeting on the Epworth League and its work.

Evening Service. -In the evening evangelistic services were held. Bishop Walden preached the sermon; text, Phil. 1: 12-13, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." At the close of the sermon a blessed and very helpful consecration service was conducted by the Bishop, with the altar and front of the church crowded full. After this service the Bishop proceeded to read the appointments of the Mission, and when the hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross?" had been sung, the Mission was formally adjourned with prayer and benediction by Bishop Walden.

Attest:

CHAS. K. WOODSON,

Secretary.

J. M. WALDEN.

President.

Gulf Mission Appointments--1894.

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Reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Gulf Mission, greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The first year of the organized life of the Gulf Mission is closed; a year of labor not wholly satisfactory, yet in some particulars one of success, especially when we take into account the great financial pressure, short crops and low prices of produce which has prevailed.

Territory.—Territorially we have an extensive field, bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya river, on the north by the Red river and the Texas and Pacific railroad, on the west by the Great Northern railroad, leaving Houston and Galveston in the Austin Conference, and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico. By consulting the map you will find the field embraces southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas, and is nearly 300 miles east and west and 200 miles north and south, covering about 50,000 square miles. A country generally believed by our northern brethren to be principally swamps, inhabited by alligators and swarming with mosquitoes, but really, when explored, found to be one of the most beautiful, healthful and productive portions of the United States. Here is the great rice country of the south. Here is produced sugar for the millions. Here is boundless wealth of timber of the best quality, both soft and hard wood. Here the orange blossom perfumes the air and flowers delight the senses as the years roll by. Our numerous lakes and streams teem with choice fish, while our coast furnishes oysters and crabs in great abundance. Brethren, we have a goodly heritage. Let us thank God for it. We have a field calling for our best endeavors. A field in which we may use, to the glory of the Master, all our God-given strength. A field that ought to call to our aid many of the noble men of the north, the hearty co-operation of the entire church and the generous appropriation of funds from all our great benevolent societies, and we most sincerely believe will pay, in the near future, a large per cent on all such investments.

From the standpoint of organism we are not very large, yet, considering our age, we are something of a child. Six years ago there was no organized Methodist Episcopal Church or society in this great southwest country.

Organization.—Brother Clinch came to this country for his health. The climate proved beneficial, restoring him so far, at least, as to make it possible

for him to do service in the Master's cause. He commenced work, organized at Crowley, Ebenezer, Fairview and other places, and then under his efficient superintendence as Presiding Elder the work was organized at Lake Charles and along the Watkins railway. So that we now have nine organized charges, extending from the historic Teche on the east to the beautiful city of the lake on the west, and from the Gulf inland eighty miles to Oberlin, a new and thriving town on the Kansas City, Watkins & Gulf railroad.

Present Conditions.—We have stated preaching places on these circuits and stations, numbering twenty-four; organized classes, twenty-two; Epworth League chapters, two; Methodist Episcopal Sunday schools, fourteen, and a membership, including probationers, of five hundred or more.

At the first meeting of the Mission held at Jennings one year ago Bishop Andrews framed the work and appointed the men as follows:

Baldwin	J. W. Mougey
Crowley and Ebenezer.....	Lincoln F. Abernathy
Iowa and Welsh.....	To be supplied
Jennings	Chas. K. Woodson
Lake Charles.....	To be supplied
Leesburg.....	W. H. Cline
Oberlin	To be supplied
Superintendent	Cyrus A. King

Six men including the superintendent. Three places to be supplied.

At the session of the Kansas Conference, Dr. S. E. Pendleton was appointed to Lake Charles, thus adding to us an able man and supplying one of the vacant places.

I secured Rev. Elsworth Diehl to supply Iowa and Welsh and Rev. J. H. Ross to fill the Oberlin charge.

Brother Diehl commenced work at once and continued very acceptably to supply Iowa and Welsh four months. He then went north to attend school. I then secured Rev. A. C. Williamson to supply the Iowa end of the work, which he has continued to do acceptably to the end of the year.

Brother Ross, on account of the sickness of his wife, did not reach Oberlin until the first of September. Meanwhile I had kept up the appointments on the Oberlin charge with such assistance as I could secure from time to time. So that the charge did not materially suffer. Since Brother Ross came, in addition to his own work he has supplied Welsh and its outlying appointments. Thus, by hard work, we have not only kept up these appointments, but some advancement has been made. Brother Ross has done good work since he came to the Mission.

Brother Pendleton arrived at Lake Charles about a month after the Mission's session and has filled the pulpit of Lake Charles ably. Local changes and hard times have reduced the membership of this charge a little during the year. One great embarrassment in Lake Charles is that we have no church building and we think ourselves too poor to secure one. I have no doubt that if we could have entered upon a church building enterprise we should have succeeded, and thus housed, greater success would have attended the labors of the church.

Jennings was visited immediately after the session of the Mission with a smallpox scare that drove pastor and people into quarantine for five or six weeks. No services or Sunday schools could be held. The pastor, Brother Woodson, did the best he could until the scourge passed over, then commenced work in his usual energetic way, continuing until the first of July, when he took a trip north and while absent was appointed President of Baldwin Academy, the place having been made vacant by the resignation of Brother Mougey. This appointment took Brother Woodson from Jennings about the first of September. He has continued, however, the pastor of Jennings until the end of the year, giving them one half his Sundays, and the Superintendent has supplied the other.

Jennings in membership remains about the same as one year ago, recent changes have put new life into their hopes and the church is looking up. Fairview, to the north twelve miles, and the only outlying appointment of the Jennings charge, has resolved to build a church costing about \$1100. Such a church would cost, in the north, nearly \$2000. They will do this without debt. In town a few families, recently moved in, have put new life into the church Jennings at present is our best appointment.

Evangeline, supplied by Brother Drown, should have been called Jennings Circuit, the name indicating its locality: south, around the beautiful lake Arthur; east on the Mermentau river and north to China is its geographical location. This charge had three preaching appointments to start with, viz: Lakeside, Evangeline and China. Lakeside added Live Oak; Evangeline died, and China moved north a few miles, so the charge closes the year with four preaching places and an increased membership. Brother Drown has done efficient work.

Crowley and Ebenezer, with Brother Abernathy as pastor, commenced well, moved steadily forward for eight months, gaining strength until its membership reached two hundred. Brother Abernathy then dissolved his connection with the charge, and is in school at Evanston, Ill., fitting himself for more efficient work.

Brother Wells, of the Nebraska Conference, was secured for the charge, and filled the pulpit the Sabbath after Brother Abernathy left, so there was no break in time. Brother Wells and his excellent wife have done good work on this charge.

Baldwin has been organized as a charge, since Brother Woodson's appointment to the Academy, with sixteen members. The outlook is hopeful for the church and school.

Lake View charge, in Cameron parish, situated on the east shore of Big Lake, with headquarters at Lake View, has been organized during the past four months, a colony having settled at this point. Brother Wells has given some time to this point, and the result is a class of about twenty members, and the charge calling for a pastor. A hopeful field.

Our church property in the Mission consists of—

One church at Welsh.....	\$1200 00
One church at Jennings	1800 00
One church at Crowley	1500 00
One church at Ebenezer.....	1000 00
One parsonage at Crowley	800 00
One parsonage at Jennings.....	700 00
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Total	\$7000 00

Benevolences.—The Mission will not be able to reach the amounts asked by the various benevolent societies, but taking all things into account I think has done as well in this direction as could be reasonably expected.

The men have all done faithful work in every department of church activity and their efforts have met a generous response from the people, as a rule.

Personally.—My relations to the preachers and their families have been cordial and brotherly, and to the people of the Mission the same.

The quarterly meetings have been seasons of interest and spiritual refreshing.

The Outlook.—Dear Brethren, the outlook for the future is hopeful. This great southwest country is being occupied by people from the north, many of whom are Methodists and need the care of the church. Destitute portions are calling for our services, not only where northern men are settled, but among our southern born people. "The fields are white." Alas! "The laborers are few."

As we go from this annual meeting to the fields assigned us by the Bishop, I trust it will be with a new endowment of power from on high to toil, though it be with sacrifice, for the salvation of those over whom we may be placed as spiritual watchmen. To toil—yes, that is what it means—in this and all other

fields in the Master's cause. We shall not be permitted, most of us, to live in fine comfortable houses. Our salaries will be small and more or less uncertain. We shall have both rain and sunshine, mud and dry road, high waters to pass through and bridged streams to cross over. Some will listen to us gladly and drop in our ears words of cheer. Others will turn away unconcerned. But is it not glorious to be permitted to do work for God and humanity? Will not the success the Master promises and his promised presence more than compensate for all sacrifice, hardship and deprivation incident to carrying the gospel to hungry, lost souls in this old, new field? When the last battle is fought, the last victory won and we receive an honorable discharge, yea, a cordial welcome from the divine lips that now say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," as we look back over these scenes shall we not break forth in praises to "Him who has counted us worthy, putting us into this ministry?" I know you, brethren, and this knowledge assures me that you will go out for the coming year in this spirit of the Divine Master to do valiantly for God and his cause. Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS A. KING,

Lake Charles, La., January 25, 1894.

Supt. of the Gulf Mission.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

We acknowledge with thanksgiving the great and efficient work accomplished by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society among the white and colored people of the south, especially during the quadrennium just closed. We rejoice that the whole church is becoming aroused and is beginning to appreciate as never before the necessity and greatness of the work as shown by the receipts during 1887-91 of \$981,197.92, being an advance of \$357,196.92 over any preceding four years. The enlarged work, however, and the greater responsibility which it brings requires every dollar that can be raised. We therefore recommend that \$100 be apportioned to the various charges of the Gulf Mission for Educational purposes, and earnestly urge that a special Education Service be held at each preaching place. We believe that when the proper effort is made the full apportionment can be met.

BALDWIN ACADEMY.

Baldwin Academy is pleasantly and advantageously located at Baldwin, La., midway between Lake Charles and New Orleans on the Southern Pacific railway, and is the only institution of learning under the Methodist Episcopal

Church in southwest Louisiana for white people. Our school at Baldwin is growing and has recently been carefully graded with Primary, Academic and Music Departments which provides for a Literary, Normal, Scientific and Classic Course of Study, and under the present management promises increased success. The interest and attendance of the present year is an improvement over last year, and with some necessary additions to make room and furnish better accommodations, the work of the institution will reflect great credit upon the Southern Education Society and this Mission in the near future.

Many young people in Methodist homes and those friendly to us, who are anxious to obtain a more complete education than the public school offers, or where no public school exists, are ready to enter if they can be comfortably accommodated at reasonable rates. The calamity in the loss of our Boarding Hall by fire has been a serious drawback to the prosperity of the school, and unless it can be rebuilt or something done by way of enlargement its usefulness will be materially crippled. We, therefore, recommend and urge the active co-operation of all our people and pledge the support of the Mission looking toward the building of a suitable boarding hall for the Academy.

We further recommend that the Superintendent of the Gulf Mission, with the pastors at Jennings and Crowley, be appointed a visiting committee, and in addition that we recognize this school as an object of our special care and patronage and will most heartily support and assist the President in directing the young people of the charge to attend Baldwin Academy.

In order that our sympathy may be the more thoroughly enlisted we advise that all collections for Education taken within the bounds of the Mission, outside of Children's Day collection, be set apart and devoted to our school at Baldwin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Mission Cause beg leave to report as follows:

Southwest Louisiana and southeast Texas, with its towns and rural districts inhabited by a mixed people, French and English speaking, together with an emigration from the north, is an inviting field for our Missionary Society. At many points the French Catholic people, having lost faith in the Roman Church, are calling for Methodist preaching. And as we have only one missionary to these people the calls cannot be responded to. This work demands an increased force and also the establishment of schools. Our French missionary, in

his report of eighteen months work, shows great success in winning the people for Christ, and is a Macedonian cry for help. The report of members of this Mission to the English speaking people, of their last year's work, summed up, sets forth the following facts:

1. There are many places destitute of the gospel.
2. These destitute people are not indifferent as to evangelical church influences.
3. Many of these people desire the ministration of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
4. In these places Sunday schools can be organized and classes formed, out of which will grow circuits and stations.
5. Many of these places are few in members now, but they are growing and will continue to grow until the "little one shall become a thousand."

Every indication seems to warrant the belief that this country will fill up and become populous. The immigration to this entire section is largely from the northern states. In all these settlements are found members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who are anxious for the fellowship of this church and are ready to co-operate with our missionaries in building up Methodism in these new and needy communities.

C. A. KING, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas, The Bible is the word of God and contains a revelation of salvation to all men and is the sure foundation of all good morals and contains the truth through which we are sanctified; therefore

Resolved, That we are gratified and rejoice that the American Bible Society is so successful in its efforts to give this blessed book to all the people and are publishing it in so many languages. We will aid the American Bible Society in its noble and glorious efforts to give, as far as possible, to the whole world, God's word without note or comment.

Resolved, That we will not be indifferent to the fact that our book agents are publishing a great variety of Bibles containing helps, maps, illustrations, tables and other special characteristics that cannot be found elsewhere.

A. WILKINSON, Secretary.

P. A. DROWN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

God's word is very positive with reference to the observance of the Sabbath. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." "Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary." "Bring more wrath by profaning the Sabbath." "Not doing thine own ways nor finding thine own pleasures nor speaking thine own words." "I gave them my Sabbaths to be a sign between me and them, that they might know I am the Lord that sanctify them." "The Sabbath was made for man." These quotations are samples.

We have the profound conviction that the first day of the week, as a day of rest and worship, lies at the foundation of Christian civilization; and its proper observance is essential to the existence and prosperity of the Christian church.

Therefore, we pledge ourselves to do all we can to secure the observance of the Sabbath by all the people.

A. WILKINSON, Chairman.

P. A. DROWN, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the Sunday school department of church work second only to the pulpit as a means of Bible instruction and information, we would recommend and urge all our people to procure our lesson helps and literature, and identify themselves with Sabbath instruction by the enrollment of their names with our Sunday school organizations throughout the Mission.

E. L. WELLS,
S. E. PENDLETON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, The Board of Church Extension has, by its untiring efforts, done much to strengthen Methodism and extend the Redeemer's kingdom in this and other parts of the world, by liberal loans and donations of money for the purpose of building houses of worship for the people; and

Whereas, We recognize that without the aid furnished by the said Board it would have been impossible, in many places, to build houses of worship, and, in consequence, the work of the Redeemer would have been seriously hindered, and the labor of our pastors rendered less efficient; therefore be it

Resolved, That as ministers of the Mission we renew our allegiance to the Church Extension Society, and pledge our best endeavor to educate the people as to the needs of the Board, and solicit contributions for its more extended usefulness.

J. F. ROSS,
E. L. WELLS,
P. C. CHANEY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe, as ever, that the liquor traffic is a great political and social evil, and should be suppressed by legal prohibition; and that total abstinence is the only attitude that can be held to ardent spirits by Christians. We therefore recommend the organization of every community into prohibition societies, and that all committees on temperance provide for the circulation of temperance literature, and that our pastors preach on the subject at least once a year to their congregation.

P. J. ROBIDOUX.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Having examined the accounts of the Superintendent of the Gulf Mission, Rev. Cyrus A. King, I find that he has promptly paid over to the preachers all missionary money, and that all his accounts are strictly correct.

J. F. ROSS.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

We, the members of the Gulf Mission of the M. E. Church, have greatly enjoyed the presence of Bishop Walden as president of this our second session. His counsels and impartial superintendency have been highly appreciated, and we assure him that he will be welcomed by every one of us at any time in the future as our presiding bishop.

E. L. WELLS.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

PUBLISHING JOURNAL OF 1893.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., January 25, 1894.

Chas. K. Woodson in account with the Gulf Mission.

	DR.	CR.
To subscriptions from the members and presiding officer of the Mission as follows:		
Bishop Andrews	\$ 5 00	
L. F. Abernathy	2 50	
P. A. Drown.....	2 00	
C. A. King.....	5 00	
J. W. Mougey.....	2 50	
P. J. Robidoux	2 00	
Asbury Wilkinson.....	5 00	
Chas. K. Wcodoson	5 00	
To amount received from advertising.....	61 25	
By amount paid for publishing 500 minutes		\$57 00
By amount paid for postage and expressage.....		3 80
By amount paid for sundries and stationery.....		1 45
By balance on hand.....		28 00
Total	<hr/> \$90 25	<hr/> \$90 25

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE MINUTE FUND.

Bishop Walden	\$2 50
P. A. Drown.....	2 00
C. A. King.....	3 00
P. J. Robidoux	2 00
C. K. Woodson.....	3 00
S. E. Pendleton.....	2 00
E. L. Wells	2 00
P. C. Chaney	1 50
J. F. Ross	2 00
M. E. Diehl.....	2 00
R. J. Crawford.....	2 00
Total	<hr/> \$24 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer reported the following amounts from the various charges:

Baldwin	\$ 6 00
Crowley	7 00
Evangeline	8 00
French Mission	12 00
Jenniugs.....	57 00
Lake Charles	39 00
Oberlin	13 00
Iowa.....	7 00
 Total	 \$149 00

J. F. Ross, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

The following missionary appropriations were made by the Bishop, subject to the judgment of the Missionary Board of the Church:

Superintendent of the Mission.....	\$450 00
Crowley	150 00
Jennings Circuit.....	100 00
Jennings	340 00
Lake Charles	160 00
Iowa and Welsh	200 00
Lakeview	200 00
Obérlin.....	200 00
French Mission	600 00
 Total	 \$2400 00

Standing Committees--1895.

Public Worship—The Pastor at Crowley and the Superintendent of the Mission.

Sabbath Observance—J. F. Ross.

Temperance—P. A. Drown.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—P. C. Chaney.

Education—Chas. K. Woodson.

Auditing—P. J. Robidoux.

Bible Cause—M. E. Diehl.

Church Extension—E. L. Wells.

State of the Church—W. H. Cline.

Periodicals—S. E. Pendleton.

Publishing Minutes—The Secretary.

Mission Cause—C. A. King.

STATISTICS NO. 1, GULF MISSION.

CHARGES.	Church Memb's <p></p>	Bap- tisms	Sunday Schools	Church property.
	No. of Churches	No. of Scholars	No. Of Ch'rs & T'chs	No. Schlr's Ch'rs & M'bs or Probationers
Baldwin	2	32	8	14
Crowley	27	130	213	60
Evangeline	7	18	210	2
French Mission	52	..	3	120
Jennings	9	68	20	460
Lake Charles	3	56	100	1200
Oberlin	4	22	1800	700
Iowa	4	45	7	700
Total	104	353	465	21500
		2	4	120,2335

STATISTICS NO. 2, GULF MISSION.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHARGES	Primary Grade	All Others	Avg. Attendance	Cur'rent Expenses: Issn. vs. books etc
	Total Scholars	32	26	20
Baldwin	8	26	30	30
Crowley	13	60	35	11
Evangeline	30	18	33	42
French Mission	25	40	33	30
Jennings	75	100	80	24
Lake Charles	15	70	45	7
Oberlin	55	40	100	15
Iowa	15	25	25	115
Total	465	339	150	61
	166	259	133	120
	41	41	41	41
	82	12	41	41

STATISTICS NO. 3, GULF MISSION.

CHARGES	PASTORS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT			Sup't PrEd	Sup't Bish	Current Exp'n's	S. S. : less. lvs., books, etc.
		CLAIMS	RECEIPTS	Am't apportioned				books, etc.
Baldwin	C.K. Woodson	.....	.....	.....	10	20	20	20
Crowley	E. L. Wells	380	375	20	20	5	15	15
Evangeline.....	P. A. Drown	112	112	60	12	12	1	11
French Mission	P.J. Robidoux	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jennings.....	C.K. Woodson	490	60	550	40	40	3	.....
Lake Charles..	S.E. Peudleton	800	200	1000	60	60	2	.....
Oberlin	J. F. Ross	50	20	70	30	40
Iowa	J. F. Ross	20	20
Total.....		1727	380	2107	1370	360	1782	175
					152	162	5	8
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STATISTICS NO. 4, GULF MISSION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHARGES	Education			Recapitulation
	Child'n's fund	Other obj'ts	Vouchers	
Baldwin.....	.....	.....	2	Total cash and vouchers
Crowley .....	.....	.....	1	6 5 7
Evangeline.....	.....	.....	2	10 10
French Mission	.....	1	3	51 3
Jennings	37	5	2	54
Lake Charles	25	5	1	37
Oberlin	7	5	13
Iowa	5	2	7
Total.....	88	23	1	136 3 139

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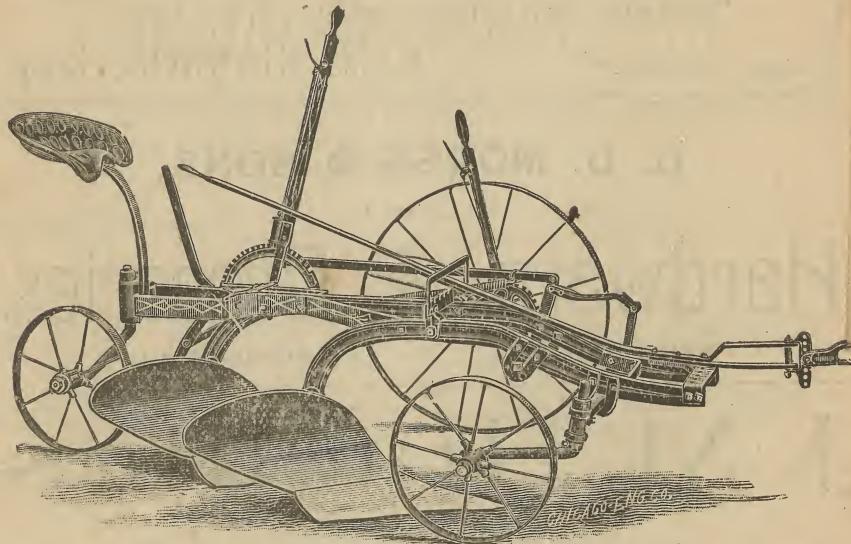
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